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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: New U.S. Patent Appln. Atty. Docket No.: 056208.52811US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Kouji HARADA

entitled: METHOD OF BONDING METALLIC MEMBERS BY PLASTIC-FLOW BONDING AND PLASTIC-FLOW BONDED BODY

Enclosed are:

- 1. Specification, including claims 1 10 and abstract (23 pages total).
- 2. 12 sheets of formal drawings showing Figs. 1 15.
- 3. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- 4. Application Data Sheet.
- 5. Assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
- 6. Priority is being claimed under 35 USC §119 and 37 CFR §1.55 based on Priority Document 2002-292794, filed in Japan on October 4, 2002.
- 7. Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and references.
- 8. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the claims fees:

Basic Fee							\$385/770	=	\$770.00
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Two checks in the amount of \$942.00 for the filing fee and \$40.00 for the assignment recording fee are enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056208.52811US). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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